### MS in Dementia and Aging Studies: Degree Requirements for Dementia and Long-Term Care Track

The 33-hour **Dementia and Long-Term Care Track** is designed for students whose professional goals correspond with the long term care certificate, but who also want cutting-edge knowledge about dementia and a master’s degree to supplement the certificate. A student in this track may be interested in certification as a nursing home administrator. This track consists of required courses (27 hours) and an internship (6 hours). Contact the Director of Graduate Programs with questions about the degree plan: Dr. Patti Giuffre (pg07@txstate.edu). **Out-of-state and international students cannot enroll in this track**. The internship site may be anywhere in Texas, with Professor Mackenzie’s approval. If you have questions now or in the future about the internship, please contact Professor Todd Mackenzie, LTCA Program Coordinator, tm25@txstate.edu, about the application process and timeline. You should contact Professor Mackenzie early in the semester prior to the semester that you hope to complete the internship.

In the LTC track the internship is taken/complete over 3 semesters.  It is possible to double up one semester and complete in 2 Semesters but we discourage this because the student would have to log more than 40 hours per week during a spring or fall semester.  Over three semesters, the commitment is 24 hours per week. To meet the licensing requirement students must log a total of 1000 hours. The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) requires that you complete a 1,000 hour administrator-in-training (AIT) internship with a DADS-approved preceptor in a licensed nursing home with a minimum of 60 beds before you take the licensing exam. Once students have decided to seek placement through the university sponsored Administrator in Training (AIT) internship, students **must** seek approval from Todd Mackenzie.

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| **Course Number** | **Required Courses**  | **Hours** | **Semester completed** | **Grade** |
| SOCI 5351 | Introduction to Dementia | 3 |  |  |
| SOCI 5352 | Dementia and Caregiving | 3 |  |  |
| SOCI 5355 | Social Psychology of Dementia | 3 |  |  |
| SOCI 5383 | Seminar on Aging | 3 |  |  |
| LTCA 5322  | Environmental Management in Long-Term Care | 3 |  |  |
| LTCA 5323  | Governance Management in Long-Term Care | 3 |  |  |
| LTCA 5324  | Personnel Management in Long-Term Care | 3 |  |  |
| LTCA 5325  | Resident Care Management in Long-Term Care | 3 |  |  |
| LTCA 5335  | Financial Management in Long-Term Care | 3 |  |  |
| LTCA 5681  | Internship in Long-Term Care (SEE ABOVE) | 6 |  |  |

**All students must take comprehensive exams in their last semester of coursework.**